



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
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June 12, 2001

Dear Black Sea Bass Permit and
Confirmation of Permit History Holders:

This letter serves to inform you of an action recently taken by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on behalf of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) relating to the establishment of a second control date for the black sea bass fishery.

The Council recently requested, and NMFS published, a second control date of June 5, 2001, for the black sea bass fishery. The publication of a second control date in the Federal Register notifies limited access black sea bass permit holders that fishing performance or effort after June 5, 2001, may not be treated the same as performance or effort that occurred through June 5, 2001, the publication of the control date. The Council and NMFS are considering whether and how to control additionally access to the black sea bass fishery. The second control date may be used for establishing revised eligibility criteria. At this time, no new Federal regulations for the black sea bass fishery have been implemented.

This letter is only a summary of the control date notice. The Federal Register notice that established this control date contains additional information regarding the use and possible implementation of this control date. To request a copy of this notice, please call 978-281-9344. To view the notice on the Northeast Regional Office's website, please visit:
<http://www.nero.nmfs.gov/ro/doc/nero.html>.

Sincerely,

for

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